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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2008. An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.